

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1996 - SB 2169**

March 19, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires any non-participating manufacturer of cigarettes to post a corporate surety bond of \$100,000 in favor of the State of Tennessee in order for such manufacturer to be included on the directory of approved tobacco manufacturers. Authorizes the State of Tennessee to execute such surety bond for recovering amounts not placed into escrow as required by the Tennessee Tobacco Manufacturers' Escrow Fund Act of 1999 and for recovering penalties and attorneys' fees.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant**  
**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Revenue, any increase to state revenue or state expenditures as the result of executing a surety bond is considered to be not significant.
- Non-participating manufacturers will bear the cost of posting the required surety bond.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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